

Governor's Office,  
Austin, Texas, March 31, 1913.

To the House of Representatives:

I return herewith House bill No. 180, without approval. Said bill seeks to authorize railway and other transportation companies generating power and having a surplus to sell same, in a manner which, in my opinion, will result in a monopoly of the lighting business along the lines of such electric railway companies.

During the administration of Governor Lanham, a similar measure was passed by the Legislature, and he vetoed it on the ground that it was contrary to good public policy. In addition to these reasons, I do not think it wise to confer, by legislative act, extra powers upon corporations and vest in them the right to do a kind of business for which they are not incorporated.

Respectfully submitted,

O. B. COLQUITT,

Governor of Texas.